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COLORADO'S AGRICULTURAL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

EXCELLENCE IN CALP award recipients



MARY KRAFT CALP (CARL)
CLASS 7
FORT MORGAN, CO

Mary and her husband Chris own and operate Kraft Family Dairies with assistance from their son Stratton. Mary has served on the Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Board, the Fort Morgan Community Hospital Association Foundation Boards, the School for the Performing Arts and the Adult Basic Literacy Education Board. She recently completed her term as the first female President of the Colorado Livestock Association and serves on the Western Dairy Association's Milk Promotions Board and the PERA Advisory Council. Mary has written a variety of articles for leading dairy magazines and speaks extensively across the country to agriculture groups. She has had the opportunity to testify before legislation on good animal husbandry and immigration issues.



Jerry has inspired and educated countless people about leadership in agriculture. His ability to motivate and organize others has had a lasting effect on his classmates, peers, family and friends. Jerry's years of legislative service have achieved spectacular results: numerous bills on water, transportation, education, rural development, and so many more that impact agriculture quality of life.

Jerry served on the steering committee to strategize the reinvention and long-term sustainability of CALP after it was discontinued in 2006. After several meetings in 2011, Jerry and Ag commissioner/CALP alum John Salazar established the current 501c3 stand-alone Colorado Agriculture Leadership Program.

JERRY SONNENBERG CALP
(CARL) CLASS 8
STERLING, CO



CLASS
15

APPLICATIONS OPEN

PLEASE
SHARE!**APPLY ONLINE AT COLOAGLEADERS.ORG****WHO
WE
ARE**

CALP is a competitive two-year leadership program that develops and enhances the leadership capabilities of diverse men and women committed to the future of Colorado's agricultural and rural communities.

**WHAT
WE
ARE**

Fellows attend 10 seminars with 41 days of intense training. They will hear over 135 speakers, work with current leaders in agriculture, attend on-site agricultural operation visits, receptions and discussions, produce the Governor's Ag Forum and enjoy a network of over 300 alumni. CALP Fellows travel around the state, to Washington D.C. and internationally to study agriculture issues, political processes, development of leadership skills, team building, fundraising and communications.

**WHY
WE
ARE**

CALP answers the call to create and nurture leadership skills of agricultural individuals through a hands-on, interactive program dedicated to producing graduates with the vision and commitment to lead change and ensure the sustainability of Colorado's agricultural economics and rural communities.

DEADLINE IS SEPT 1, 2020**Is there an age limit?**

While CALP does not enforce an age limit, individuals should be in the early or middle phase of their leadership career and looking for that next level of training or experience.

What is the cost?**FAQ**

Each participant is required to provide \$3,500 tuition, either raised through fundraising or paid through personal channels.

Who should apply?

CALP and its supporters recruit enthusiastic Coloradoans committed to agriculture and rural Colorado. They should be recognized as emerging leaders who are directly involved in agriculture, agribusiness, rural industries, rural communities or natural resource management.



"CALP has truly highlighted Colorado agriculture's greatest asset – its people. From understanding the unique impact of each of the CALP participants and alumni, to seeing the everyday actions of agriculturalists across the state's industries, this program has provided an invaluable experience to showcase the immense impact that agriculture has on our lives. These personal connections only strengthen our impact beyond agriculture and has prepared me to be a lifelong advocate for all sectors of agriculture."

Julia Herman, Class 14

ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CARES ACT

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- Allocated \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed.
- Includes self-employed and independent contractors.
- Paycheck Production Program (PPP) provides 100% federally guaranteed loans.
- Loans may be forgiven if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis or restore their payrolls afterward..

COVID-19 RESOURCES AND THE REST

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COVID19

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Small businesses (including farms) who have fewer than 500 employees are eligible for the program.
- The program is open until June 30, 2020. However, borrowers are advised to apply as soon as possible given the loan cap on the program.
- Small businesses and sole proprietors eligible to apply beginning April 3, 2020.
- Independent contractors and self-employed individuals eligible to apply beginning April 10, 2020.

CONSULT WITH YOUR ACCOUNTANT AND LENDER

You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, or Farm Credit System participating in PPP. All lenders have been made SBA loan providers, but not all are participating. Consult with your local lender to see if they are participating.

OTHER RESOURCES

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- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Guide and Checklist
- Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network
- Colorado SBDC's Paycheck Protection Program Guide
- USDA Paycheck Protection Program FAQ



The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program is a 501c.3 non-profit organization with the mission to develop leaders that will become a strong, unified voice for agricultural issues.

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APRIL 2020

CALP CLASS 14 SCHEDULE

SPECIAL ONLINE SEMINAR

April 21

Seminar 7 - Fort Morgan (rescheduled)

July 19 - 21, 2020

Seminar 8 - Durango

June 14 - 16, 2020

Seminar 9 - Alamosa

September 20 - 22, 2020

Seminar 10 - Netherlands/ Belgium

Oct. 25 - Nov. 3, 2020

CALP CLASS 15 SCHEDULE

Application Deadline - Sept. 1, 2020

Oral Interviews - TBA

Seminar 1 - Denver, CO

Feb. 22 - 26, 2021

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



“As the voice of the livestock industry, the Colorado Livestock Association works on behalf of its members in the regulatory and legislative arenas in Colorado. CLA

members are cattle and sheep feeders, cow/calf producers, dairy farmers, swine operations, and industry partners. CLA has been a longtime supporter of CALP and believes it is integral to developing leaders that will become a strong and unified voice for all of agriculture in Colorado.”

Jessica Lemmel, Director of Communications
Colorado Livestock Association

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